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Sub-standard Drugs in Super Bazar

1129. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI): Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of drugs available in Super Bazar is of sub-standard as appearing in the "Indian Express", dated June 24, 1997;
 - (b) if so, the facts thereof;
 - (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether some persons/firms are making supplies to the Super Bazar/Kendriya Bhandar who are neither manufacturers nor the authorised dealers of the companies whose brand name products they supply to them; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to weed out such manufacturers/suppliers to protect the interest of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar, Delhi, they are selling drugs manufactured by multi national companies, national companies of repute and other drug manufacturing companies which are registered with the small scale industry authorities.

(d) and (e) Both Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar have denied that they are purchasing drugs trom persons/firms who are neither manufacturers nor the authorised dealers of the companies whose brand name products are supplied by them.

Allocation of Fund for Dry Land Farming

1130. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total fund provided by the Government to the State Governments under the Dry Land Development Programme during 1997-98, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to extend the said programme to the drought prone State;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) Even though there is no scheme called Dry Land Development Programme under implementation, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) is in operation which follows integrated watershed development approach treating both arable, non-arable lands and natural drainage lines for in-situ moisture conservation coupled with diversified farming systems approach for increasing production. State-wise allocation under the scheme for the year 1997-98 is given in the enclosed Statement. One micro-watershed has been taken up for treatment in each development block having less than 30% of arable area under assured means of irrigation in 25 States and 2 Union Territories.

Statement

Tentative allocation of funds during 1997-98 under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA)

(Rs. in Lakha)

S. No.	Name of the State/UT	Amount allocated 1997-98
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	700.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10.00
3.	Assam	15.00
4.	Bihar	15.00
5.	Goa	5.00
6.	Gujarat	700.00
7.	Haryana	80.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	80.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	108.00
10.	Karnataka	1800.00
11,	Kerala	500.00

1	2	3
2. N	Madhya Pradesh	3325.00
3. N	/ laharashtra	3100.00
4. N	<i>f</i> lanipur	100.00
15. N	<i>f</i> leghalaya	15.00
16. N	/lizoram	150.00
17. N	lagaland	160.00
8. C)rissa	1200.00*
9. F	unjab	40.00
.O. F	lajasthan	2850.00
21. S	ikkim	80.00
.2. T	amil Nadu	700.00
.3. T	ripura	80.00
24. L	lttar Pradesh	1500.00
25. V	Vest Bengal	10.00
e6. C	adra & Nagar Haveli	2.00
.7. A	andaman & Nicobar Islands	25.00
Т	otal	17350.00

Out of the allocation of Rs. 12.00 crores for the State, Rs. 6.00 crores are earmarked for KBK Districts.

[Translation]

Auction of Foodgrains

1131. SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the discretionary powers being used by the officials of Food Corporation of India for the sale of wheat and rice in the open market;
- (b) whether the stock of wheat and rice is not auctioned openly at various depots;